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CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on E & R reports that we have examined and reviewed LB626, 670, 715, 820, 846, 868 877, 994 and 1004 all correctly enrolled, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business I propose to sign and do sign LB626, under the same circumstances I sign LB670, under the same circumstances I sign LB715, under the same circumstances I sign LB820, under the same circumstances I sign LB846, under the same circumstances I sign LB868, under the same circumstances I sign LB877, under the same circumstances I sign LB994, and under the same circumstances I sign LB1004.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Appropriations whom was referred LB690 instructs me to inform the same legislation be advanced to General File as amended, 691 General File as amended, 972 General File as amended, signed R. Marvel, Chairman.

That is all Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We are still on LB631. We still have the Committee amendments as amended before us. The question is what shall we do with the Committee amendments. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. Unless there are questions of the amendments as they have been amended, I would move for the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I know that people may be getting weary of this issue, but I still think that it has to be discussed carefully and analytically. If any of you are interested you could look at the committee amendments because they are now in the form that Senator Koch is asking you to accept them in. I am going to read to you, in its calculations under Section...so forth, a district which provide a special program for gifted children or culturally or educationally deprived children shall be entitled to count each pupil regularly enrolled in such program during the proceeding year as one and one-fourth a two students respectively." In other words the program for the gifted, each gifted child counts as one and a fourth, each culturally and educationally deprived child, whatever that is, is counted as two children. Now that is the way the law is now. In addition, the new language says that the students who are going to ride buses pursuant to a court order will now be counted as one and one-fourth student. I do not believe that in view of Omaha's unwillingness this morning to assume any of the responsibility, financially for correcting the problem that they have forced it on various children and are now forcing on the state. In view of their unwillingness to assume their financial responsibility, I do not think that a basic state-aid to education formula should be modified in this fashion. It should not be done. I have done a lot of speaking about the placement of guilt and responsibility for the problem that Omaha faces. I will now mention that I think that the state has the responsibility, but what the state has the responsibility to do is to pass wise and just laws to insure that there will not be a reoccurrence of what